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TAGS: ETRN FJ, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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FOR MEADOWS EB/TT/OA FROM CHARGE

1. CONTENTS REFTEL PASSED GOF ORALLY AND BY DIPLOMATIC
NOTE DECEMBER 3.

2. BY TELEPHONE AND BY NOTE I HAVE BEEN ASKED INFORM DEPT THAT
GOF IS DISAPPOINTED AT US REQUEST TO POSTPONE ROUND THREE OF
NEGOTIATIONS AND DOES NOT SHARE UD DEL'S VIEW THAT UNCERTAINTIES
MENTIONED IN REFTEL ARE RELEVANT TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES OR ARE SUCH TO JUSTIFY A DEFERMENT OF NEXT ROUND.
GOF REMINDS USG THAT MORE THAN YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE GOF FIRST
REQUESTED DISCUSSIONS ON THE NEGOTIATION OF TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN
US TERRITORIES IN RECIPROCITY FOR THOSE EXERCISED BY US
AIRLINES THROUGH NADI.

3. GOF THEREFORE IS NOT DISPOSED TO EXTEND RIGHTS OF US AIRLINES
AT NADI BEYOND DECEMBER 14 UNLESS US AUTHORITIES GRANT FOR AIR
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PACIFIC THE RECIPROCAL RIGHTS ALREADY REQUESTED TO PAGO PAGO

AND MAJURO. GOF IS STILL READY TO MEET A DELEGATION FROM US IN SUVA WEEK OF DEC 10 AND URGES USG TO RECONSIDER ITS REQUEST FOR A DEFERMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS. AS ALTERNATIVE, GOF SUGGESTS USG CONSIDER INSTRUCTING US EMBASSY IN SUVA TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FYI: FONMIN OFFICIAL WITH WHOM I SPOKE UNWILLING SPECULATE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AFTER DEC 14 IF US FLAG AIRCRAFT LAND IN FIJI. HE REITERATED THAT DECISION COULD BE CHANGED QUICKLY BY GRANTING RIGHTS TO PAGO PAGO AND MAJURO. AS DEPT AWARE, NO ONE ON STAFF OF EMBASSY AT PRESENT TIME HAS PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND I THEREFORE FEEL GOF SUGGESTION THAT EMBASSY BE EMPOWERED TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS IS IMPOSSIBLE. FIRST ROUND FIJI-FRANCE BILATERAL TALKS ENDED WITHOUT CONCLUSION LAST WEEK AND WILL BE RESUMED IN PARIS EARLY JANUARY. AM INFORMED THAT DURING TALKS FIJI DEL MADE REPEATED REFERENCE TO US AND FRANCE AS NOT RPT NOT COUNTRIES OF REGION AND THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT ENTITLED OPERATE REGIONAL ROUTES. BOTH PANAM AND AMERICAN REPS IN FIJI HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF THIS LATEST DECISION BY GOF AND BOTH ARE IN CONTACT WITH HOME OFFICES. END FYI.

5. AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. HALL

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